

**No. R-495. House concurrent resolution honoring Polly Nichol for her exemplary leadership in regional, State, and municipal housing and community development.**

(H.C.R.416)

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Hooper of Montpelier

Whereas, Polly Nichol began her career in housing and community development with the town of Randolph, and

Whereas, as the Director of Multifamily Housing Development at the Vermont Housing Finance Agency, she worked on new federal Section 8 construction funding, and

Whereas, Polly Nichol is the only person to serve as the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board's (VHCB) housing director, and

Whereas, at VHCB, Polly Nichol has overseen the investment in the development and rehabilitation of more than 12,000 housing units, and

Whereas, Polly Nichol has worked to create more than 1,300 homes with housing supports for Vermont's most vulnerable citizens, and

Whereas, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, VHCB has successfully promoted the construction of more than 108 homes, and

Whereas, under Polly Nichol's leadership, VHCB has been focused on the revitalization of Vermont's downtowns, village centers, and historic properties, and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development has twice recognized VHCB's housing programs with national awards, and

Whereas, Polly Nichol has led Vermont's Preservation Council and, at VHCB, directed important preservation work, and

Whereas, she initiated and developed an Americorp program that has now sponsored the community service of over 500 individuals at housing-centered nonprofit organizations, and

Whereas, Polly Nichol volunteers at the Montpelier Housing Task Force, and

Whereas, she is a founder of the Vermont Community Loan Fund, and

Whereas, Polly Nichol helped establish the New England Housing Network, and

Whereas, she will be concluding her VHCB employment this June, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Polly Nichol for her exemplary leadership in regional, State, and municipal housing and community development, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Polly Nichol.